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SUBJECT: LOPEZ CASE: ACTIVITIES OF PSINAKIS

1. ON MARCH 1 FORMER VICE PRESIDENT LOPEZ TOLD EMBOFF HE AND FAMILY WERE EXTREMELY UPSET AT PSINAKIS' ACTIVITIES IN THE U.S. ESPECIALLY SINCE PSINAKIS HAS WIDENED HIS ANTI-MARCOS CAMPAIGN TO INCLUDE DE LA TORRE. LOPEZ SAID MARCOS FIRMLY BELIEVES LOPES FAMILY MONEY IS FUNDING PSINAKIS EFFORT. THIS IS WHY EUJENIO, JR. HAS NOT BEEN ALLOWED VISITORS SINCE EARLY FEBRUARY.

2. FORMER VICE PRESIDENT'S DAUGHTER TOLD EMBOFF HER AUNT (MRS. EUJENIO LOPEZ, SR.) HAS ATTEMPTED TO SELL SEACLIFF HOUSE IN SF FROM WHICH PSINAKIS OPERATES. WHEN EMBOFF ASKED WHERE PSINAKIS WAS GETTING HIS MONEY, SHE ANSWERED FROM HIS WIFE'S INHERITANCE. MS. LPEZ SAID HER FATHER MIGHT EVENTUALLY REQUEST MARCOS' PERMISSION TO TRAVEL TO SF SO HE COULD ASK PSINAKIS TO DESIST. SHE COMMENTED THAT FAMILY SUSPECTS PSINAKIS SIMPLY WANTS MORE OF WHAT IS LEFT OF LOPEZ FORTUNE.

3. COMMENT: MRS. EUJENIO LOPEZ, JR., HAS ALSO EXPRESSED DISSATISFACTION AND IRRITATION OVER HER BROTHER'S-IN-LAW ACTIVITIES. IT NOW APPEARS PSINAKIS IS SPEAKING ONLY FOR HIMSELF AND HIS WIFE.

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WIDENING OF HIS ANTI-MARCOS CAMPAIGN TO INCLUDE

DE LA TORRE BELIES HIS PREVIOUS CLAIM HIS ONLY
INTEREST IS IN SEEING HIS BROTHER-IN-LAW RELEASED.
GIVEN PSINAKIS' UNSAVORY REPUTATION HERE (DATING
FROM HIS SERVICE AT MERALCO WHEN HE WAS WOOING BOSS'
DAUGHTER WHILE STILL MARRIED), SOME MEMBERS OF
LOPEZ FAMILY SPECULATE PSINAKIS HAS ESCALATED HIS
ACTIVISM TO EMBARRASS LOPEZ FAMILY IN HOPE THEY WILL
BUY HIS SILENCE.
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